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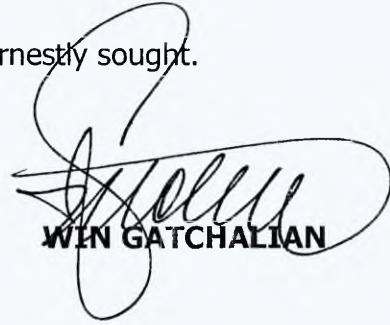
**AN ACT
CREATING THE SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In a study conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency in 2018, the economic cost of transportation in Metro Manila has risen to P3.5 billion a day, and the situation can get worse to P5.4 billion a day by 2035 if interventions will not be made. One of the solutions being proposed include improvement of mass transportation as it would lessen the number of vehicles plying on main thoroughfares. Mass transit can reduce vehicular traffic, carbon emissions and demand for parking slots in the metropolitan areas. Consequently, it will translate to increased productivity and more sustainable environment.

Accordingly, this bill creates the Special Mass Transit System Support Fund for the construction, improvement, and rehabilitation of our transit system, including the acquisition of road right-of-way for such projects, earmarked from the collections of motor vehicle user's charge under RA 8794. Availability of funds to finance mass transit projects would finally push for the realization of new transit systems in the country, resulting to more sustainable urban transportation system network. It would further enhance economic development as the mass transit system addresses mobility issues among the working class.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



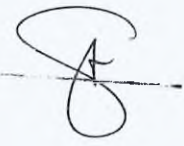
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Special Mass Transit
2 System Support Fund Act".

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4 Sec. 2. *Disposition of Monies Collected.* — Section 7 of R.A. No. 8794, or "An
5 Act Imposing a Motor Vehicle User's Charge on Owners of All Types of Motor Vehicles
6 and For Other Purposes", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

7 "Sec. 7. Disposition of Monies Collected. — All monies collected under
8 this Act shall be [~~remitted to the National Treasury under a special account~~
9 ~~in the General Fund to be~~] earmarked solely **AND USED EXCLUSIVELY**
10 for the construction, [~~upgrading, — repair,~~] **IMPROVEMENT**, and
11 rehabilitation of [~~roads, bridges, and road drainage~~] **OUR MASS TRANSIT**
12 **SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

1 **FOR SUCH PROJECTS** to be included in the annual General Appropriations
2 Act.

3 **ALL MONIES COLLECTED SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE**
4 **NATIONAL TREASURY UNDER A SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE**
5 **GENERAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT**
6 **SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND. THE SAID FUND SHALL BE UNDER THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR).**

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9 Sec. 3. A new Section 8 is hereby inserted after Section 7 of the same Act to
10 18 read as follows:

11 **"SEC. 8. THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT**
12 **SHALL BE DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM AND IN ADDITION TO**
13 **ANY APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED AND GRANTED YEARLY TO**
14 **THE DOTR TO COVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE IDENTIFIED**
15 **OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS ACT. CONGRESS SHALL**
16 **CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT IN THE GENERAL**
17 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT**
18 **AND REHABILITATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM UNDER**
19 **THE DOTR: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER,* THAT ANY SAVINGS FOR EACH**
20 **YEAR OUT OF SUCH APPROPRIATION SHALL REVERT TO THE**
21 **GENERAL FUND. ANY SAVINGS FROM THE SPECIAL FUND**
22 **CREATED HEREIN SHALL ACCRUE TO THIS SPECIAL FUND."**

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24 Sec. 4. The succeeding sections of the same Act are hereby renumbered
25 accordingly.

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27 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of Budget and
28 Management, in coordination with the Bureau of Treasury and the DOTr, shall within
29 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations
30 to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

1 *Sec. 6. Separability Clause.* - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
3 remain in force and effect.

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5 *Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
6 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this
7 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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9 *Sec. 8. Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
10 its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
11 general circulation.

Approved,